

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appl. No. 09/777,682

REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-16 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 5, 17-24 and 25-28 are canceled.

The Advisory Action of October 14, 2003, indicates claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-16 are allowed; claims 25-28 are rejected; and claims 5 and 17-24 are withdrawn from consideration.

In response, Applicants have canceled rejected claims 25-28 and withdrawn claims 5 and 17-24, placing the application in condition for immediate allowance.

This Amendment adds no new issues, requires no further search, and places this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

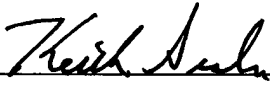
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